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IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 12, THE FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL RAISED THE SUBJECT OF BREZHNEV'S LETTERS CALLING FOR CONCLUSION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CSCE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL BY ABOUT JUNE 30. VAN WELL

NOTED THAT THIS INITIATIVE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AMONGST THE NINE AT THE DUBLIN SUMMIT AND SAID THAT THE EC STATEMENT ON CSCE ISSUED AT DUBLIN COULD BE REGARDED AS A KIND OF "ECHO" TO THE RUSSIAN PROPOSAL. (COMMENT: SOMETHING OF A CHANCE ECHO, AS INDICATED IN REFTEL (B), SINCE THE BREZHNEV LETTERS WERE APPARENTLY RECEIVED AFTER THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS CONCEIVED.) VAN WELL SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD BROKEN NO NEW GROUND: THE EC POSITION CONTINUED TO BE THAT A SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF CSCE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WAS DESIRABLE, BUT ONLY IF SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS HAD BEEN REACHED ON ALL OUTSTAND-ING ISSUES BEFOREHAND. HE STRESSED THE DESIRE OF THE FRG AND ITS EC PARTNERS TO COORDINATE THEIR REACTIONS TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSAL WITH THE U.S. HE DID NOT MENTION EC OPPOSITION TO A WESTERN SUMMIT PRECEDING THE CSCE CONCLUSION, AND IN FACT THIS STRIKES US AS A NEW ELEMENT IN EC THINKING. HITHERTO FRG FONOFF CONTACTS HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE IDEA OF A WESTERN SUMMIT.

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